

Harrington Park Recreation Committee
Minutes
Wednesday, May 15, 2019

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman's Announcement – meeting was called to order at 8:06 PM.

In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of the scheduled meeting was made. It is posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Center. Copies have been mailed to the BERGEN RECORD, SUBURBANITE, and THE NORTHERN VALLEY PRESS. A copy has been filed with the Borough Clerk, and copies have been mailed to individuals requesting the same.

2. ROLL CALL

COMMISSION Members	PRESENT	ABSENT
(CD) Charles DeGruccio (chairman)	X	
(LC) Lynne Cappelmann	X	
(TD) Thomas Donnelly		X
(PK) Patrick (Kelly) Kramer	X	
(AP) Ashely Plescia	X (8:20 PM)	
(LT) Lara Toomin	X	

ALSO PRESENT:

(JC) Joon Chung, Council Liaison

(CL) Carolyn Lee, Secretary

3. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Fishing Derby - Dawn and Lucas Bogosian

Lucas Bogosian is from Harrington Park and on the Pro Circuit Bass Pro Fisherman for the 5th season. He has 18 sponsors, has been on ESPN 4-5 times as well as YouTube. He grew up fishing in the annual Harrington Park fishing derby and has always wanted to give back to HP. He helps local communities by challenged kids in Oradell, involved with the Old Tappan Boy Scouts, gives tutorials and is inspirational to the kids. He would like to be part of his hometown of Harrington Park. Dawn would be able to get some goodie bags for the kids. There were 39 registrants in 2018.

Dawn suggested advertising that Lucas will be there.

- JC & LT will call media for coverage.
- JC will request a reverse 911, put the flyer in HP Moms
- Dawn will have photos to show
- Recreation will request barriers from DPW to block the boat Lucas will bring his boat.

Lucas will bring a lot of excitement to the fishing derby this year.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

a. Approval of Minutes (April 17, 2019)

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Motion: LC Second: CD
Members all in favor.

5. UPDATES

a. Finance and Budget

b. Field Requests

A. Memorial Day Concert - Junior Woman's Club

CL will follow up if all paperwork was completed.

B. Bike Group

CD has received and approved the annual request to use Highland Field as a rest stop.

C. NV Knights

CD received a current COI.

D. Men's Basketball

CD received the field request from the group for Thursdays and Saturdays. This is an annual request. Robert Waldron is organizing the group. Men's Basketball is covered by the JIF.

c. School Coordination

d. Sports Coordination

A. NV Soccer Club

They do not pay any towns for fields. If kids play Rec, it would be okay. This fall this will be stated that registrants must register for Rec. NVSC doesn't not enforce registration for Rec. NVSC needs to supply a roster.

B. Wild Things

Wild Things pay for field usage. The verbiage in the application indicates that 50% should be paid upfront.

C. Lacrosse

Lacrosse pays the maintenance fee.

D. Knights Baseball

CD was told about complaints about the disorganization of the Knights. The Knights is the HP Travel team that draw kids from the 4 towns. HP never charged the Knights a field maintenance fee. The HP kids were encouraged to join Rec baseball and there has not been a problem. This year there was an exception and caused a problem. The Knights hire coaches. Equipment disappear and the fields are torn apart after the Knights play. There will be more teams next year. The Knights are supposed to be affiliated with Rec. CD will email Scott Morrissey. Peter Toomin should be able to appoint an HP person as a liaison with the Knights. The Knights should contribute to the field maintenance. The Knights need to submit their schedule for each of the field. Pondside, Highland Field 5, Field 3 have been requested. Next year, there will be many more teams and will be more difficult to schedule the fields.

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E. Slugs

Men's softball play early Sunday morning. Michael Berg organizes the Slugs and pays a fee for field usage.

F. Baseball/Softball/T-ball

i. Opening Day

Opening Day went very well. JC thanked LT, AP, KK for all their work. The parade, pictures went well and everyone had fun.

e. Town Programs

A. Fishing Derby (June 16, 2019)

KK will get the fish. Haworth arranges for their pond to be delivered stocked. Other supplies needed are worms, corn and cups. In the past there were raffles for extra prizes. Last year, there were 2 prizes for each of the age categories. We need to advertise at the school, the HP website, Facebook, Instagram should have fishing derby information. LT suggested creating an Instagram account. Use the hprec@harringtonparknj.gov account to create. The Boy Scouts have not replied for the request to sell hot dogs. There are about 100 hot dogs, buns, ketchup and mustard in the hut.

CL will ask Paul where to purchase the fish and the worms.

LC will work on the flyer.

CL will contact the Girl Scouts if they can sell the hot dogs.

B. Town Day (Sept. 7, 2019)

There was a meeting with the police on Monday. Recreation will have the 1st responders involved. Each year there is a theme. A couple of years ago, it was local business, then the farmers market. This year is the 115th celebration and town day will honor the 1st responders. The police will provide a smaller scale event to town day and will bring county resources (Horses or K-9 unit?). Fire, Ambulance Corps and DPW will be included. There will be vehicles available. It is wonderful to appreciate our 1st responders. AP noted that Lianne Baly is willing to donate the beer. Recreation needs to work on logistics. The police may move out then Recreation will sell beer starting around 2pm. We want to make sure that the police feel comfortable.

C. Ragamuffin (Oct. 26, 2019)

f. Park & Playground Maintenance

i. Lower Highland Field water

AP asked if the path was causing water to stay on the fields. Joon will ask for drainage reports from the town engineer. There has been a lot of rain recently.

ii. School Fields

The field closest to the school does not have bases. The school was asked to supply them, but they said that the town should pay for them. JC can assist. The school has teams and should contribute to the equipment or maintenance.

iii. Field Maintenance

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- **New Locks for hut and shed**
Peter Toomin will wait until after the baseball season to change the locks and keys. Too many people have keys to the hut and things disappear.
- **Field Pro**
Sprinkler heads and the main box were broken and more heads needed to be added at a cost of \$3,500 for a new system. The main box was not vandalized and the system was outdated.
- **Pondside shed**
Shed door was vandalized. The DPW fixed it. Discussion continued about ideas of building a hut, installing cameras, etc.
- **Wasps, Bees and other insects**
Joon contacted the Borough's company and the insects are not wasps and do not sting. The wasps come out after the spring session. If treatments are started, it will do nothing. If there are any nests, it would have to be addressed.
- **George Street**
The playground equipment is very mossy and dirty.

g. Tennis

Tags will not be sold year since the courts are in such terrible shape.

h. Lightning Detectors

The detector was moved between the playground and field 1. The location was not where it was requested by Recreation, but the company said it was the best location.

6. PROJECTS

a. Grant Update

The documentation has been submitted.

7. OTHER ITEMS

Defibrillators on playing fields

- The school has one outside that is attached to the police. In the winter, or when it is too hot, the school brings the unit inside. It is about \$1,500 for each unit. Recreation coaches should carry the defibrillator if possible. Location to store the defibrillator would be the hut.

Soccer – Maintenance fee

- Soccer has not paid the field maintenance fee for 2 years. Recreation will invoice soccer for \$10,000/year. JC will work with CL for the invoice.
- Soccer will buy the grass-clipping catcher.

Softball

- Joon received a call from the attorney regarding NV Softball. JIF assigned an attorney to represent all the towns in the area. NV Softball is an association.

Pickle ball

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- Recreation will consider changing a court to a pickle ball court when the courts are repaired or rebuilt.

Bleachers

- Discussion on if the bleacher should replace field 4 or 5. DPW should be included in the discussion.

8. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:36PM.

NEXT MEETING

Next regularly scheduled meeting is June 19, 2019 at 8pm.